

LAWYERS EXPERTS MEET.**LIPTON SAYS HELL WIN.****Sir Thomas Lipton Will Be Chosen to Defend the Cup.****London, Aug. 14.—The Daily Graphic prints an interview with Sir Thomas Lipton, in which he says that he is confident of success in winning the America's Cup. He believes that in the absence of accidents and failure of wind the Shamrock II will hold her own. He fears the Columbian race from the Constitution.**

SHAMROCK II TO ROBERT OVERS AT RENFORT.

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CHESS.**Play in Master Class at Buffalo Resumes the Third Round.**

BUFFALO, Aug. 13.—Play in the first round of the New York State Association chess tournament was concluded at a late hour last night. The games in the master class were finished through with great interest and the players are in the front ranks. Philibert conducted the first class, followed by the Westerner, Sir Thomas Lipton, who developed a plausible Ruykeins. The champion was not present at the outset and was unable to establish an absolute superiority in position. Through the middle game however he was able to effect a position which was far superior to his former one.

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TO UNIFY GERMAN VOTE.**Moritz Blitter Will Give a Lecture to His Countrymen on His Plan.**

There is no danger that the men who go to the conference of anti-Tammany German-Americans that Herman Ridder has called for Monday evening of next week will go hungry, for Mr. Ridder has decided to have it held at the Union Square Hotel and he is going to have a little lunch served to all who accept his invitation. As a matter of fact, there will be a great deal of time spent over the dinner, and Mr. Ridder said yesterday that the meeting, so far as the politics of the west could be concerned, is to talk over his plan for uniting all the organizations opposed to Tammany.

Henry Weismann, the President of the German-American Municipal League of Brooklyn, wrote a letter yesterday to Mr. Ridder in which he endorsed the plan. The Executive Committee of the league has also done so. Otto Kappeler, the German-American League, said yesterday that he was in favor of the plan.

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